Death of Indians in U.K. Jails

2097. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SUBAS MOHANTI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 14th July, 1988 to the effect that a number of Indian prisoners have been killed and mercilessly beaten up in the U.K. Jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of Indians killed and injured in U.K. jails so far;

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the British Government and if so, the reaction of that Government in regard thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that our High Commissioner there have not taken up the matter urgently with the Brittish authorities; and

(e) whether any instructions/directions have been issued to the High Commissioner in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the Hindustan Times Report of 14 July 1988 entitled 'Indians in U.K. jails beaten up', according to which Bahadur Singh an Indian deportee died in India after having been assaulted by white inmates during his detention in the U.K. His cellmate Vijay Kumar also complained of assault. No other case of an Indian being injured or killed in a U.K. jail has been brought to notice.

(c) to (e) As soon as the alleged assault was brought to notice, the High Commission of India, London took up the matter with the Secretary of State for Scotland and the British Home Office for enquiry. The Crown Office of Glassgow is carrying out a detailed enquiry and their report is awaited. The circumstances in which Bahadur Singh died in India are also being ascertained.

Transfer of chief executive of recognised unions

2098. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for transfer of the Chief Executive of recognised service association of Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, whether such transfers are effected on available vacancies, against posts other than that of the office-bearer or after creating supernumerary posts therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Instructions were issued in April, 1969 that the Chief Executive as defined in the constitution of the association/union/federation or where the Chief Executive has not been specifically defined, the General Secretary may be brought on transfer to the Hqrs. or any other office under his control at the Hqrs. of the appropriate Head of administration as far as possible.

It was also decided that in such of the Govt. Departments/offices where a different practice was being followed earlier, the earlier practice, if not less favourable may continue.

Such transfers are normally effected keeping in view the overall administrative functional requirements. Vacancies are not ear-marked for office-bearers nor are supernumerary posts created.